

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12. Canceled.

13. (New) A method of describing a user profile to describe user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content, comprising: providing user preference information for the user profile; and incorporating a browsing information in the user preference information, wherein the browsing information includes at least one browsing criterion, which may be differently described according to a type of multimedia data, and a weight value indicating relative priority or weight assigned to said browsing criterion.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein each of browsing criteria is structured hierarchically.

15. (New) A method of describing user preference pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content, comprising:

describing a plurality of summary preferences based on a type of multimedia data, wherein a weight value indicating relative priority or weight is assigned to each of the plurality of summary preferences.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of summary preferences is structured hierarchically.

17. (New) A data structure for describing user preference pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content, comprising:  
a plurality of summary preferences based on a type of multimedia data, wherein a weight value indicating relative priority or weight is assigned to each of the plurality of summary preferences.

18. (New) The data structure of claim 17, wherein each of the plurality of summary preferences is structured hierarchically.